



**South West Victorian Football Association**



## 1. Background

SWVFA Discipline operates under the conditions of the SWVFA Handbook in conjunction with the FV Grievance, Discipline & Tribunal documents that can be found on the website. More details on red cards and other instances of misconduct can be found in this document.

The SWVFA Discipline Process & Timeline document (this document) is not designed to replace the SWVFA Handbook, the GDT, or any other documents relied up to create judgements, but to provide a simple overview of the Red Card and Misconduct Process and target timelines.

## 2. Red Cards

Upon notification to SWVFA by the Referee of a Red Card, SWVFA shall grade the severity of the Red Card in accordance with the Red Card Offence penalties in the Handbook and GDT, and advise the Player or Team Official.

SWVFA reserves the right to refer a Red Card to a disciplinary hearing or independent Tribunal for additional consideration of penalty in its absolute discretion where SWVFA is of the opinion the incident giving rise to the Red Card is of a serious or egregious nature.

The discipline team meets on Wednesday evenings to assess all red card reports. Notification of findings will be sent to clubs on Thursday (after the discipline group meeting).

**Note: This is dependent on the receipt of red card reports from referees prior to meeting. Those received after the meeting are assessed at the next meeting of the group.**

## 3 Misconduct

Misconduct requests are also assessed by the discipline team at the weekly meeting. Unlike red cards however, these are received by several different processes and need to be investigated including responses from all parties involved.

### Misconduct Timelines

Investigations are targeted to be completed within 2 weeks of receipt of the initial report at discipline. As each incident is often different, this can vary due to several factors including receipt of information requested from all parties, availability of investigator, mediator, etc. All efforts are made to complete in a timely manner.

**\*\* Longer timeframes possible if information is not received as requested.**



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## 4 Discipline Process

The following flow chart aims to provide a simple overview of the discipline process undertaken by SWVFA in resolving disciplinary matters:

